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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

APPARATUS, METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A PROBLEM SOLVING SUPPORT, AND A MEDIUM STORING A PROGRAM THEREFOR

and invented by:

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Application Elements

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2. Specification having 37 pages and including the following:
 - a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
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 - d. Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
 - e. Background of the Invention
 - f. Brief Summary of the Invention
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 - i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
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3. Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
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4. Oath or Declaration
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d. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
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6. CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

7. Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)

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a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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Accompanying Application Parts

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized) This application claims priority from
Japanese Patent Application Serial Nos. _____

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) ← JP 2002-198204 (July 8, 2002); JP 2003-
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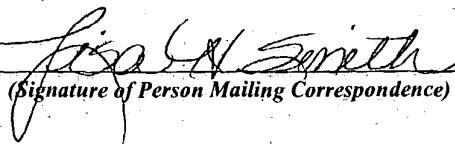
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